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1. The Soviets have created a "restricted zone" around Vlone Bay, evacuating the civilian population; admittance is authorized only to Soviet military personnel.*
2. Inside the bay, on the eastern side of Karaburun Peninsula, there are said to be three stations and repair shops for submarines, constructed in live rock. Another station and repair shop are located on the northeastern coast of Saseno Island.
3. According to the statements of the civilian evacuees, a total of 15 submarines were seen in Vlone Bay.
4. From nightfall to daybreak, an uninterrupted traffic of small boats can be seen between Saseno Island and the eastern side of Karaburun. Submarines were also seen during the night in Dukat Bay.
5. Coastal artillery has been installed and fortifications constructed on the western side of Karaburun, as well as on the western coastline of Saseno and at Kep i Trelices.

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Comment: Reports as to whether or not the Soviets have established a military base on Saseno, and a submarine base on Karaburun Peninsula and Saseno, have been extremely conflicting. Your evaluation as to the truth of both these allegations would be appreciated.

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